Purchase to be made by Navy

2463. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Navy may not be able to achieve the intended 50:50 ratio between two major account heads due to allocation of current budget;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that the Navy has a long purchase list this year; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K ANTONY): (a) The navy's Revenue to Capital budget ratio as per approved Revised Estimates 2006-2007 is 43:57.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Upgradation of MIG-29 Aircrafts

† 2464. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India has entered into an agreement with Russia, to upgrade the old models of MIG-29 aircrafts;

(b) if so, the details of this agreement;

(c) the engines of how many aircrafts would be changed as per this agreement; and

(d) by When the rest of the aircrafts would be modernized, so as to obviate the possibility of crash of MIG aircrafts?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) Modernization of combat aircraft is an on going process undertaken from time to time. The Air Force has identified including MIG-29 and Mirage-2000, for upgrade during the 11th plan period.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.